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the star the wise men followed
ht your soul and fill your heart
the peace and joy that Christmas
d its spirit can impart.

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TOGETHER AT OUR TASK"

e are getting ready now for our y member canvass, and this is me to take stock, to consider our urces, to study carefully the work ing for us in the coming year to plan wisely for the largest pos- results.

st what is our responsibility as gregationalists? We find an an- in a pamphlet recently issued by Commission on Missions, under above title. Read a few lines from pamphlet:

ive million people in America for Congregational churches to foster help! This means the crowded n, the unchurched prairie, the min- town, the foreigners in our midst; share in the solution of the great blems of the colored races—a d total of five million of the un- leged, the uneducated, the un- rched, for us to help through bro- ly co-operation."

uite a job, isn't it? And that isn't Read a little more:

We have a definite share in other ds. In the division between the ominations, seventy millions fall to

We mean to train leaders for the ing generation in many backward ds to help bring good will and ce on earth.

As a member or supporter of a gregational Church, you are part ployer of 2,862 workers at home l abroad.

Seven hundred and sixty of these teachers, training the leaders of ny races for the next generation.

One hundred and twelve are nurses doctors, rebuilding bodies and souls a Christlike ministry.

'Two thousand and twenty-one are achers and evangelists, giving rist's Gospel to folk that need m.

'You are part owner of 2,538 mis- n schools and colleges, 83 hospitals d 2,766 churches.

'These are among people who can- t build such institutions for them- ves. You are giving a chance in erica and at the earth's end to se that cannot help themselves." So far we are giving only 70 per nt of the amount voted as necessary this work by the National Council. And this 70 per cent is given by ly 30 per cent of our membership- givers, we stand sixth on the list. at is, five other denominations give re, per capita, than we do.

Now, beginning with the first of nuary, 1927, we are going to handle is business a little differently from e way we have been doing it. Our ate Conference will take on more sponsibility, and each church within e Conference will have a definite are in that responsibility. These ares are familiarly known as "pro- cts," and cover every kind of mis- onary work.

A committee headed by Mrs. H. F. wartz is at work on these projects, cal, national and international, and ill offer them to the churches later.

SACRAMENTO DEDICATION

Under the masterful leadership of Rev. Harley H. Gill, our church in Sacramento has surpassed all our expectations. Some three and one-half years ago this church was without a minister and without a church building of its own. It had, however, a most capable group of loyal men and women who were confident that Congregationalism should be strongly represented in the capital city and these set themselves to the task of securing first of all a commanding leader who had courage and vision. They called Mr. Gill from Stockton, revealed to him their faith and hope, and he and they have worked loyally to the accomplishment of a great building project that is an honor to the city and the state.

The Site

After much discussion and a few purchases of lots, the committee settled upon a very attractive site between 27th and L streets, opposite the entrance to Sutter Fort. It adjoins the Tuesday Club and becomes part of a great social, fraternal and historical center around which the city turns, next only to the state capitol and the business section. It is a section that will be well kept and increasingly popular. To conform to the historic location the church has been rechristened and is now known as Pioneer Memorial Church. Organized in 1849 it is itself historic and wisely located.

The Building

The structure is imposing and conforms to the stately buildings surrounding it. Its auditorium is a most pleasant surprise and is ecclesiastically correct. Its chancel, with its beautiful chancel window, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Witherbee in memory of Leila J. Lindley Witherbee, is artistically beautiful and inspires worship at the moment of entrance. The high ceiling, the stately supporting pillars, the broad aisle and the welcoming foyer, are very appealing. There is a well-located tower that makes an easy break between the more worshipful part and the remarkably well-equipped social and educational portions.

This part of the structure is really the last, if not the best, worked out plan for religious education, social and administrative features, that we have in this conference. There are two stories, with large, well-lighted class rooms. The departmental arrangements are in well-defined units, but in splendid harmony as to progression. Most careful consideration was given to whole work of religious education. There is a large assembly hall with stage at one end and kitchen at the other end, so that the assembly hall becomes the dining room.

Between the auditorium and the assembly rooms, there is space for an open court with a fountain, walks and lawn where services can be held on summer evenings. Back of this open court is the entrance to the administrative unit with the ladies' parlor on the right and the church office and study to the left. Provision has been made on the second floor for a room for young men and another for young ladies, to be regarded as their possession as the ladies' parlor belongs to them. Living quarters are provided for the janitor and family, and the general location gives ample parking space for large attendance.

The Organization

The church and Sunday school have made marked growth during the three and one-half years. The membership at the sale of the old property was 267. Counting those received on the day of dedication, it is now about 450. There has been a corresponding growth in the church school, and this will now begin a new period of growth and improvement with the better facilities. The annual budget is about four times that of 1921. Benevolences have doubled, despite the heavy drain of building pledges. A young people's society has been organized and all the usual auxiliaries of a modern church are active.

The Dedication

The church was dedicated November 21. The services began with an early morning prayer and devotional service led by the minister. The ladies' parlor was taxed to capacity for this service. Immediately following this, breakfast was served to those present, where a fine spirit of friendliness was blended with the devotional hour.

Then followed an impressive procession of church school scholars from the Tuesday Club to the new building. At the general assembly the Sunday school orchestra played. Superintendent Sullivan made a statement of their new plans with assignment of rooms, and Rev. John C. Prince, conference director of religious education, gave an interesting address.

The morning service was one of communion, with baptism of upward of a score of children and the reception by the pastor of four score members, mostly on profession of faith, and largely adults. The communion service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Minchin, superintendent of the conference, and Rev. J. J. Kelly of Soquel, each giving short addresses. The music was of high order and the spirit excellent.

The regular service of dedication was held in the afternoon with presentation of the building by Mr. George C. Bassett to Mr. G. H. Kroner of the building committee, who in turn gave the keys to Dr. E. H. Pitts, chairman of the board of trustees, who accepted it in behalf of the church.

The pastor, Rev. Harley H. Gill, preached the sermon, on "God's Dwelling Place." Dr. W. J. Minchin made the dedicatory prayer.

The Music

For two weeks Mrs. Frank W. Hodgdon, minister of music, had been working with groups in the church for the opening services of the church, and with her two large choruses gave wonderful aid throughout the entire day. The great feast of music was in the evening, with Mrs. Irvin Engler at the organ. It was a sacred concert and there were 927 present by actual count. The great choruses, the antiphonal singing, the quartettes, solos and duet thrilled the large audience. The program was of high order with the cantata, "The Singing of Birds," and selections from "The Holy City." Special recognition goes to the regular quartette, Miss Morrill, Mrs. Thorp, Mr. Springer, Mr. Tully and to the visitor, Mrs. Nathan. Mrs. Hodgdon continued her work for the following two weeks with a steady interest on the part of the singers.

Visitors in Attendance

Among those present were Rev. Harvey V. Miller and family of Alameda, former pastor at Sacramento; Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Dr. W. W. Ferrier and Dr. F. W. Hodgdon of Berkeley; Rev. Benjamin St. John of Woodside; Rev. R. B. Whitaker of China; Dr. W. A. Tate of Rio Vista, as well as a large delegation from Stockton. On Sunday afternoon there was open house, when many friends from Sacramento churches viewed the building. At this time tea was served, Mrs. Gill presiding, assisted by Mrs. W. K. Lindsay. Helpful in many ways was Mrs. Ethel M. Betts, the pastor's secretary.

Aftermath

On the Sunday following dedication there was a memorial window day. The sermon was preached by Dr. Frank W. Hodgdon, and at the evening session the pastor preached on "The Waiting Guest" when the chancel window was illuminated and dedicated.

The services have been well attended. The workers have been numerous and highly efficient. The impression has been spiritual and stimulating. For $175,000 one will go far to find its equal. Congratulations from the conference to Pioneer Memorial Church.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ATTENTION!

Do your children like to hear stories? We never saw a child yet who said "no." We have a treat in store for a goodly number of the children in small Sunday Schools of this Conference. Read on. There is no catch to this. Actually, we are giving something for nothing.

The Conference office has received a gift of several of the sets of Primary Picture Stories, on Japan and India, and a few China. These sets consist of six pictures each, size 12 by 15, with a little booklet telling the story of the people pictured. They are published by the Missionary Education Movement especially for use in the primary department of the Sunday School and usually sell for 50 cents a set. Inasmuch as these sets have come to us without cost, we will be happy to give them to small Sunday Schools who will make use of them. The only stipulation is that we want them to be used.

Just send in your name to this office if you will use these sets and they will be shipped to you by return mail. As we have only a few of the sets on China, please state whether you are particularly interested in the children of that country.

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DR. GORDON ENDS NOTABLE MINISTRY IN SAN FRANCISCO

There have been many memorable occasions in the history of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco during the 77 years of its existence, but none more memorable than that of Sunday, November 28, when the Rev. Dr. James L. Gordon closed his notable pastorate of seven years. Morning and evening thousands of persons, despite an all-day rain, honored by their presence at these services a man who by his marked devotion to humanity in this great city has well earned the appellation "San Francisco's Greatheart."

No pastorate in the history of the church has had so beautiful and so satisfying an ending. It was not ended by illness nor by death; it was ended because Dr. Gordon desired that it end in its beautiful consummate maturity, and in order that he might, after a few months, begin to carry out a long-cherished plan for simply a pulpit work in some one of our great cities—free from the various obligations and duties which attach to a pastorate in an organized church.

Letter of Resignation

September 11, Dr. Gordon wrote to the officers, members and adherents of the church and society: "I have spent well-nigh seven years in San Francisco—busy years, happy years, years filled with inspirational joys, years blessed with an ever-widening vision of the broadening scope of the Christian ministry, years vital with the increasing consciousness of an approaching cycle of spiritual power for the Church of God and for a perplexed world.

"Several months ago, before leaving San Francisco for a period of much-needed rest and recuperation, I intimated to a representative group of our church officials my earnest determination to complete the seven years of my ministry in San Francisco, and also suggested the possibility of the termination of my sojourn with you at an early date.

"I had in mind then what I am bold to announce now, namely, the desire for a personal ministry of a broader geographical scope—a ministry in which I might avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the lecture platform, and in addition thereto devote a good measure of my time to the production of readable literature on certain favorite pulpit themes. Such an adventure on my part would be the fulfillment of a desire which has been slumbering in my mind for many years.

"It is with profound emotions of tender affection and sincere regard that I approach the end of my San Francisco ministry. Few ambassadors for Christ have been more highly favored in the pastoral relationship. You have been steadfast in your allegiance and enthusiastic in your cooperation.

"You have entered heartily into the program of my ministry. You have not sought to limit or restrict me in the scope of my thought or in the peculiar phraseology employed. You have provided for all temporal needs with a splendid generosity. You have granted me regular and ample periods of rest. You have been loyal during such periods of public criticism as come into the life of every preacher. You have believed in me even when you differed with me on certain vital issues of general interest. Thus, my San Francisco ministry has been exceedingly happy and serenely peaceful.

"While my withdrawal from such a congenial field of labor as that conditioned by a great city, a noble site, a magnificent church edifice and a loyal congregation brings many misgivings, which time and memory will emphasize, nevertheless I am persuaded that our church is not unprepared for such a change. The church is well organized, all departments being well-manned by competent and efficient leaders. As the result of a recent campaign, in which you all participated, our financial condition may well be spoken of as satisfactory. Our place as a church in San Francisco is beyond doubt fixed and permanent. All that is necessary in order to guarantee continued success in achievements, social and spiritual, is a close dependence upon the spirit of God and faith in that Divine Providence which has led us so wonderfully in the past and will continue to guide us in all the future."

Stating then that he desired to have his ministry with the church end on the 1st of December, Dr. Gordon asked that action be taken in accordance with that desire, and steps also toward securing a successor.

Realizing that Dr. Gordon was fixed in his determination to close his work in San Francisco, the church at its annual meeting regretfully accepted his resignation, and in resolutions adopted spoke of his presence among them as one of inspiration and benediction.

The Final Sunday

Then, came that final Sunday when Dr. Gordon conducted two deeply impressive farewell services. That in the morning was such as to make it a reconsecration of the place—of the building dedicated in 1915 while Dr. Aked was pastor, and of the ground first consecrated for the worship of God 57 years ago. In the sermon which was on "The Man that Nobody Knows," with the inner topic "The Name of Jesus"—the name above every name—Dr. Gordon remarked that if the church is to grip America with power, as it must grip it and will grip it some day, it will be by the exaltation and enthronement of Jesus. And throughout the sermon that morning, in the communion service, and in the farewell message at the close of that service, Jesus was held up in his character and achievements in such a manner as to inspire all of the 2000 listeners to lives of greater devotion to the world's matchless character. He was presented graphically as "the incarnation of tenderness, the focalization of force, the manifestation of might, the personification of power, the crystallization of character, the concentration of thought, the living illustration of truth—a prophecy of mankind's possibility."

"He kindled a fire which will yet enwrap the world in a conflagration of glory. It leaped the barriers of Palestine, encircled the Mediterranean Sea, touched the German forests, crossed the English Channel, ran like a river of light across the Atlantic Ocean, spanned the broad lands of a New World, and today is gilding every sea with glory and crowning every continent with love."

In a brief heart-to-heart talk at the close of the communion service, to which not less than twelve hundred persons remained, Dr. Gordon spoke of a vision of the Christ which had come to him in the early years of his life, and how he had been trying to walk in the light thereof. If Saul could say that he had heard voices, it had been made possible for him to say that he had seen; and that which he had seen had been moulding his life down through the years. His counsel then was to the young men and young women before him, "Follow the Gleam." Prophetically, there was expression of a profound conviction that there was coming soon a marvelous consecration of youth; and the great expressed desire of his heart was that there should come to this church of his love such a baptism of the spirit as would give it large part in the rearing of that structure of righteousness at the apex of which would stand the Stainless Christ.

Rabbi Newman's Tribute

At this service "A Tribute" to Dr. Gordon by Rabbi Newman of Temple Emanu-El was distributed. Telling of the long-time cordial relations between Congregation Emanu-El and the First Congregational Church, this tribute stated concerning Dr. Gordon: "The religious life of this city has been so intimately bound up with his activity that the community will no longer seem the same without him. He has preached 'Righteousness in the great congregation.' He has been a sage and elder statesman in our midst, and his departure will leave us sorely stricken. There is no corner of this city or state to which his words have not penetrated. Far beyond the confines of his church his words have rung out, bringing their burden of assuagement, of inspiration and spiritual nurture."

Appreciation by Mayor and Trustees

To the Sunday evening service Mayor Rolph brought the heart-felt regrets of the entire city that a pastorate so eventful and fruitful was to come to an end. Speaking of Dr. Gordon as beloved by all because of what he was and what he had aimed to do, Mayor Rolph said to the church, "I, as well as you, will miss him."

Mr. E. V. Krick, the chairman of the board of trustees, spoke of Dr. Gordon's period of service as "one of the most brilliant chapters in the history of the church." He had accomplished in San Francisco what he desired to accomplish; he had made the First Congregational Church a people's church, and his uplifting messages had gone out near and far. So much had been put into the church by him that go where he might, his connection with it could never be severed. And on behalf of the church, Mr. Krick, voicing the names of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon, invoked the Aaronic benediction: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee."

A Unique Council

The following Tuesday there was a council of dismissal, unique in California Congregationalism. The council in usual business procedure, voted to acquiesce in the action for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship and resolved: "We most heartily express our unbounded appreciation of the high achievements attained during the seven years that Dr. Gordon has been the church's leader and teacher. The loyalty given to the interests of the denomination, the unique place Dr. Gordon has occupied in the city; the large multitudes of people reached by his spiritual ministry and the large place he holds in the affections of his fellow ministers, are all reasons for our gratitude that he has been in our midst these many years." The council resolved further: "That in dissolving the relationship we do encourage the First Congregational Church to continue its glorious work according to the high standards which he has set, and that we wish Dr. Gordon the largest possible measure of success and happiness in whatever field he shall ultimately choose to serve."

Appreciations by Brother Ministe

This having been done, the asse bled pastors and lay delegates had two hours intimate, beautiful, ins ing converse with Dr. Gordon conce ing the work which he plans to after a few months given to so literary work, and some summer ch tauqua lectures.

It was at this time that his broth ministers found opportunity to tell Gordon and each other, their thoug about him. Mr. Matthews of Miss Park Church, San Francisco, spoke his helpfulness to him personally, the comfort and strength from h ing such a man of God as counsel —one always ready to give of time and his consummate gifts, w would go out to Park Church to few there as cheerfully and with much enthusiasm as to the thousa in his own church. Dr. Robert Brown of First Church, Oakland, s to Dr. Gordon: "You belong with prophets." Dr. Swartz remarked t Dr. Gordon was real prophet becau he throws the light of spirit valu onto current happenings, takes livi problems and relates God to the Dr. Minchin said that something vi would go out of his life with Gordon's departure from San Fr cisco.

Dr. Gordon's Adventure

Dr. Gordon loves the church, t organized church; and, although c ical of some of its methods, he spea always in most loving terms conce ing it; but he wishes now to do i it and for Christianity, somethi other and different from that wh he has ever done before; he desir to do something to help everybod desires to preach where the mass pass by, preach on the real fun mentals of Christianity—God, Jes the Revealer of God, Conscien Providence, Immortality. He believ that as the sermon, well thought o and given with fervor, is today t mightiest force making for righteo ness, he would have it as untra meled as possible from the parts the ordinary church service which believes to be impeding it now; desires also to be free from the ma duties resting upon the pastor of church, and accordingly his purpo is to establish in one of the gre cities of the United States in Septe ber, 1927, a pulpit, a preaching statio from which his messages may go o in helpfulness. He will organize church, he will not be in competiti with the churches; rather will he in co-operation with them. His wo will not be comparable with that whi was done for many years in Chica by Dr. Gunsaulus; that was insti tionalized. His will not be thus op ated. It will not be carried from c to city, inasmuch as that would res in commercializing it—as the eva gelistic work of a few decades ago w commercialized and damaged. It mu be a kind of dynamo, stationary, b sending out everywhere its curren of power.

For a long time had Dr. Gord dreamed of such a work; often h he longed for it with intensity in t midst of the things which seemed be lessening his influence in shapi the lives of men in righteousness. A now he adventures to make the drea a reality.

"And he gave some to be apostl and some prophets, and some pasto and teachers—for the perfecting the saints, unto the work of minist ing, unto the building up of the bo of Christ."

W. W. FERRIER

ADULT EDUCATION

A resume from the book, "A Study Adult Life," by Professor Theodore Soares.)

The full possibilities of adult edu- ion have not been realized. Edu- ional agencies have too generally umed that their responsibility is to young. The study of adult life icates that not only may a vigorous ntal, moral and religious develop- nt continue on the basis of early ication, but to a large extent the k of early opportunities may be de up.

The average schooling for an Amer- n citizen today is 1200 days, equiva- t to completion of the sixth grade. urch members are probably some- at above the average, but they ve a very decided need to be dili- t learners. Our limited schooling ows that our people have not ough foundation knowledge to en- rage them to read significant liter- re. We cannot build our political industrial or spiritual democracy th an uninformed and unintelligent ople. Today the most serious prob- ns in church and state are com- tted to the decision of the whole dy of men and women. Our very ilization depends upon their ability think clearly and choose wisely. e cannot wait for the next genera- n to solve our problems. The esent generation needs the wider ucation.

The adult has the mental ability r continued learning, but this ability only manifest within the range of s interests. The educational oppor- nity lies in the extension of this nge. If we can open up new fields to which he will desire to go, we all find that he will develop the cessary mental powers for the ex- riment. It is worth noting that in cent years several secret and fra- rnal orders have ventured into the eld of adult education in a limited ay by offering courses of lectures history and citizenship. The res- nse has been encouraging. Busi- ess men have become eager students, ading widely and discussing intelli- ently.

The field of religious knowledge to- ay takes on a wider scope since we re thinking of religion as right rela- onship with God and man. We are inking of God as working in us and rough us to the making of a good ociety. To be an intelligent and use- ul Christian ought not the adult hurch member to know something bout the following problems? 1. How has the material universe devel- oped and what is God's relationship to t? 2. How has man developed in the arth and what has been the develop- ment of the social institutions of amily, industry, property, govern- nent, education, art, marriage and re- igion? How may we think of God's elation to them? 3. What are the present-day social problems of the family, of industry, of politics, of world relationships, and of the de- velopment of backward peoples? How may we think of God as concerned with these problems? 4. In what way may great religious experiences of the Bible and especially the life and teach- ing of Jesus, help us to see the work- ing of God in this great enterprise to which we are committed? 5. What is the peculiar responsibility and op- portunity of our denomination in the world enterprise?

The church must organize its preaching and its teaching in adult classes so that the people may study these problems. Not one of the sub- jects is beyond the ability or is out- side the interests of the ordinary church member. The scope of adult training should include training in worship, in service, and for home- making, parenthood and leadership of childhood and youth. Training should be offered to enable adults to wisely use their avocational powers and the time not required in vocational inter- ests. The adult should study to show himself approved unto God and a man of brotherly helpfulness among God's children.

Some books especially helpful in re- lation to adult education in the church are: Soares: "A Study of Adult Life" (60c), Barclay: "The Or- ganization and Administration of the Adult Department" (70c), Barclay and Phifer: "The Adult Worker and Work" ($1.00), Cope: "The Principle of Christian Service" (60c), Fosdick: "The Meaning of Service" ($1.25), Tweedy and Weigle: "Training the Devotional Life" (25c), Moxcey: "Par- ents and Their Children" (75c), and Fleming: "The Marks of a World Christian" ($1.15). The October num- ber of the Adult Bible Class Magazine has several articles devoted to adult education.

BENEVOLENCES

November, 1926

Alameda First	$ 150.00
Berkeley First	844.93
Berkeley Bethany	25.00
Biola	125.00
Ceres	80.00
Crockett	25.00
Glen Ellen	20.00
Grass Valley	14.63
Guerneville	17.00
Hayward	25.00
Murphys	32.00
Oakland First	585.89
Oakland Plymouth	228.57
Pacific Grove	44.57
Palo Alto	300.00
Paradise	30.00
Petaluma	126.70
Salida	11.00
San Francisco First	300.00
San Francisco Ocean View	75.00
San Francisco Richmond	25.91
San Jose	100.00
San Mateo	50.00
Santa Cruz	175.00
Santa Rosa First	32.70
Tipton	10.80
Tulare	57.15
Woodside	10.50
Oakland Pilgrim	28.36
	$3,550.80

Distribution

C. W. M. S.	$ 34.45
Conference	275.60
Annuity Fund	47.02
C. M. R. S.	62.70
S. S. E. S.	62.70
Foundation for Education	94.05
C. C. B. S.	172.42
C. E. S.	188.10
A. M. A.	401.87
W. B. M. P.	431.55
A. B. C. F. M.	668.45
C. H. M. S.	1,081.89
Special	30.00
	$3,550.80

Comparative Figures

	1925	1926
Jan. 1st-Feb. 28	$3,586.24	$3,706.94
Mch. 1st-31st	3,532.70	3,907.97
Apr. 1st-30th	4,036.67	4,236.83
May 1st-31st	3,982.85	3,585.68
June 1st-30th	2,955.40	5,184.43
July 1st-30th	4,454.20	3,438.20
Aug. 1st-30th	2,281.90	3,174.52
Sept. 1st 30th	3,822.38	3.491.67
Oct. 1st-31st	3,861.10	5,115.50
Nov. 1st-31st	3,481.84	3,550.80
	$35,995.28	$39,392.54
Increase		$3,397.26

ANXIOUS MONTH

We who sit over against the treas- ury wonder where the $12,000 neces- sary to match the apportionment receipts of 1925 is to come from. If we are to make the 10 per cent in- crease asked for, it means $18,000. Of course it comes from the faithful stewards of the church. We watch, we pray, we are confident, but not assured that it will come. Please make remittances early, even often. The books close definitely January 10.

MEXICAN CONFERENCE

The Home Missions Council will hold a special conference on the situa- tion which has developed in the South- west on account of the incoming of many hundreds of thousands of Mexican immigrants. The meeting will be in El Paso, December 11-16. Congregationalists will have twenty representatives, among them Dr. Royce, Dr. Heald, Mr. Kingsley, Dr. Cady, Dr. Hinman.

In connection with the El Paso Con- ference a Congregational committee under the leadership of Dr. Heald will meet to study the co-ordination of all our work for Spanish speaking people in the Southwest. The big task be- fore us, with three million Spanish speaking people in the United States, a large proportion immigrants of the last ten years, requires a careful plan- ning of the work of the home boards to secure the largest efficiency.

Another party under the leadership of Secretary Hubert Herring will go to Mexico City for ten days in Janu- ary to study the situation and report. Secretary Hinman of the A. M. A. will go to join the party after the El Paso Conference. It is of great importance that our home missionary agencies shall be in sympathetic touch with the situation in Mexico if the work among Mexican immigrants in the United States is to be properly han- dled.

SAVING POWER OF THE GOSPEL

(Editor's Note: The following is a reprint from the Fresno Republican)

To The Republican—Our city has recently been fortunate enough to re- ceive, as ambassadors of good will, "two wise men from the East," who by their deep spiritual messages have deeply stirred the hearts of many hundreds of our people. One of them spoke on Sunday, October 24, from the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, and the other spoke five con- secutive evenings, from October 25 to October 29, inclusive, from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church. I heartily congratulate both Dr. Gibson and Dr. Giffen, respectively pastors of those two Evangelical churches, for their effort in bringing these men to Fresno. They, both of them, had a message to give, and what a telling message it was!

Dr. Paul Kanamori is a profound man of God. A native of Japan, some 70 years old. He has an impressive patriarchal face, thoughtful and seri- ous in expression. Never in my life had I heard a Christian convert from heathenism. So I gladly embraced the opportunity to see and hear him. His text was: "The Word of God Is (More) Powerful than Any Two- Edged Sword."

Let the Christian people of the West understand that to be a Christian in the East is to be a martyr. This man's story of his experience through har- rowing persecution for the Master was thrilling in the extreme. He had to memorize, word by word, the two gos- pels of Matthew and John in order to have at least parts of the Bible in his possession. He was not permitted to carry the Bible around with him. This story, with its sincere pathos, deeply impressed the large congregation present. Now, however, he exultantly exalted his St. James English Bible as his "larger sword of God," and his Japanese Testament as his "smaller sword." Dr. Gibson introduced him as "The Moody of Japan." He is surely all that.

Our second "ambassador of good will" (Dr. McCall) is originally from Australia, but at the present time the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. He has all the elements of greatness to be a great pulpit orator. He is not turned of 40 yet. His Biblical and classical erudition, his captivating eloquence, his mastery of English diction, and his charming personality rapturously en- slave his hearers. Think of a young man preaching from Joseph Parker's City Temple, London, and occupying the pulpit of the Old South Boston, for 40 years graced by George A. Gordon. His discourse delivered here on "The Judgment of Christ" was worthy of John Chrysostom in the pulpit of Saint Sofia.

The First Congregational Church Berkeley has a large sounding board. Every Sunday he is preaching to a highly discriminating audience, including as it does eminent scientists, learned theologians, instructors and other intelligent people. His coming to America has been a providential addition to the spiritual efficiency of the American Congregationalism. I sincerely hope Dr. Giffen will be able to bring him to Fresno again.

DR. H. S. JELALIAN.

Fresno.

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WILL OUR CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE CORRESPOND?

BAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

It has been found necessary to put forward the date of this meeting to February 8, as the normal date conflicts with the Mid-winter Conference. The secretary will welcome an invitation from some church that will entertain the association on the above date.

PETALUMA

For the fourth season the Petaluma Church is conducting a course of popular lectures under the caption, "The Petaluma Open Forum." One of the unusual features is the question period at the close of the address. It has been the purpose of the management to bring to the community outstanding speakers from the Bay region. The large attendance has abundantly justified the promoters of the plan. Following is the list of speakers for the present season, together with their subjects:

"Drug Addiction in California".....
.....Senator Sanborn Young
"Races, Nations, and Religion—How Can They Attain Brotherhood?"
.....Rabbi Louis I. Newman
"Romance of the Radio".....
.....Dr. Wilbur S. Tupper
"Whither Russia?".....
.....Pres. Tully C. Knowles
"Progressive Legislation in California".....Mrs. Parker S. Maddux
Topic to be selected.....
.....Chief Justice Wm. H. Waste
"The Chinese Democracy in the Making".....T. Y. Tang
"Current Social Problems".....
.....Dr. J. B. Breitwieser

The lecture by Dr. Tupper on Sunday evening, November 21, on the "Romance of the Radio" was very timely and instructive. The speaker, who is a friend of all our churches in this region, evinced a thorough knowledge of physics, which, together with his unusual literary qualifications, makes him a very acceptable popular speaker. In the course of his lecture he used a blackboard to illustrate points which would otherwise have been obscure. An especially attractive feature connected with this lecture was the singing of the Pacific Male Quartette, which is regularly employed by Station KTAB, and is a favorite among the residents of Radio Land.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Plans are being made for a United Stewardship Council ot be held in San Francisco January 23-24. National leaders of prominence will be on the program. The popular meetings will be held in the First Congregational Church. Detailed information will be furnished pastors for their bulletins.

NEW WORK

Opportunity is knocking at our doors. Recently we have had an allocation of San Carlos and the Arlington district in Berkeley. The San Carlos field will be under the supervision of the Redwood City Church, and the Bay Association will begin a survey of the Arlington assignment. We have also been asked to take over the work at Tennant, which is a large lumber camp near Mt. Shasta. This means three new opportunities with the additional burdens of missionary direction.

PITTSBURG

Rev. C. C. Champlin received 16 members into the Pittsburg Church November 14; not one of them had ever joined a Congregational Church. So far this year 70 members have been received at Pittsburg, from Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Universalist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Mormon, Quaker and Congregational sources.

A feature of the service November 14 was the "roll call" read by the church clerk, the members answering present by a verse of Scripture. The communion plates had to be sent out and refilled, the people responded so well to the pastoral letter announcing the service.

The Ladies' Auxiliary bazaar at Pittsburg Church totals $1000 net, the entire amount going upon the church and parsonage indebtedness. The ladies vow to clean up the remaining indebtedness amounting to $1200 in 1927 in order to start a Sunday School and social hall annex. This is very sorely needed.

The adult and junior choirs, started in Pittsburg by Mrs. Hodgdon in 1925, are still going strong under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Castello. They put on a Thanksgiving sacred concert the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving.

RIO VISTA

The church has just completed a highly successful loyalty month. The attendance gained about 50 per cent, and on the last Sunday of the month three new members were added to the church.

In connection with loyalty month they began the publishing of a calendar at a cost of one dollar a week. The minister, Dr. Tate, writes the editorials and a number of news items for the local newspaper and in return the paper prints the calendar at cost of setting up.

The projects for December are a pageant, "The Light of the World," for Christmas, and the every-member canvass. A budget has been prepared and an every-member canvass committee appointed. This is Rio Vista's first try at the new method.

The second quarterly get-together will be held in December under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid. Fine interest is being shown in all departments of church work which is very encouraging.

Dr. Tate spoke at the open forum of the First Church, Sacramento, during the month, on "Does Man Possess a Soul?" He has also addressed the Kiwanis Club.

MRS HELEN WETHERBEE—AN APPRECIATION

"The Pacific" learns with deep sorrow that Mrs. Helen Wetherbee passed away October 21. Congregationalism, and the Fruitvale Church particularly, has lost a very good friend. Mrs. Wetherbee was interested in innumerable good enterprises in all fields; but her highest devotion was to the churches in which at various times she held membership. She was one of the founders and chief workers in the Fruitvale Church. For many years she was in the choir and to her was largely due the musical excellence of its services. She sang in the choir until her recent ill health made it impossible, and she secured the services of some of the best singers in Oakland for its solo work. For years she was on the board of trustees and was always ready with sound suggestions and financial aid in all things.

A most devout and loving Christian, literally hundreds remember her for her gracious helpfulness in their hours of need or sorrow. To none in any perplexity did she turn a deaf ear. Her home and her heart were always open to all. Her help will be missed, but more than all her charming presence will be missed. She took joy and inspiration wherever she went. She was of the old New England church-loving, church-going type, and while no one can take her place we trust that the younger generation will be inspired by her example to follow in her steps in loyalty to all the fine things the church stands for. When laid aside from active participation in church affairs she often expressed her regrets and was fond of quoting the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Charles F. Clarke, assisted by Rev. Fenton O. Fish, present pastor of the Fruitvale Church, and Rev. Henry B. Mowbray of San Bernardino, who was pastor in its early days. Our sympathy is extended to her relatives and to the Fruitvale Church.

CHARLES F. CLARKE.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Lesson Handbook, 1927. A concise commentary on the International improved uniform lessons for the year. By Henry H. Meyer and William M. Nesbit collaborating; 154 pages; price 35c. The Methodist Book Concern, New York City.

"The Top of the World," by Welthy Honsinger Fisher; 178 pages, price $2.50. The Abingdon Press, New York.

"Pioneers of the Kingdom" (The Methodist Book Concern) is a collection of biographical sketches of twelve modern apostles of righteousness. These twelve men and women represent a wide range of interest and service. Through James Bashford one gets a true interpretation of China. Jane Addams exhibits the beauty of lowly service in a neglected portion of a great city. John Eagan demonstrates how a rich man can serve God. Isabella Thoburn shows the quality of courage and strength which enables one to cross frontiers of ideas as well as geographical frontiers. Walter Reed chases down the fearsome microbe; Sam Higginbotham preaches with plows in India; Frances Willard marshalls a crusade; Michael Pupin masters a career and advances science; George Carver, an ex-slave, wins an education and becomes a scientific genius; Herbert Hoover exploits gold mines, assuages the rigors of war and cares for countless little children; Yoitsu Honda decides that, though born to rule, his life should be devoted instead to ministry; Rupert Brooke, loving beauty, nobly died for an ideal. Read the book; it will both strengthen and cheer your soul.

CHARLES SUMNER NASH

In the death of Charles Sumner Nash, the Pacific School of Religion loses the man who, more than any other, has made the school what it is, and the Congregational church loses one who, with a small group of leaders, has accomplished the nation-wide reorganization of the denomination.

After years of weakness and suffering, but following only a few days of serious illness, Dr. Nash died Monday Morning, November 22. The funeral was held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Dr. McCall pastor, officiating, assisted by Doctors Swartz and Fisher. President Swartz recalled the significant educational and denominational leadership of Dr. Nash, and Dr. Fisher delivered an appreciation of his personal qualities of greatness. Dr. Hodgdon assisted Dr. Swartz in the service at the Crematorium.

Charles Sumner Nash was born at Granby, Mass., February 18, 1856. He received the degree of A. B., A. M. and D. D. from Amherst College; and the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Hartford Theological Seminary. He was an instructor in Robert College, Constantinople, for three years, was pastor of First Church, East Hartford, six years; and taught for one year in the departments of Biblical Theology and elocution in Hartford Theological Seminary. In 1891 began Dr. Nash's service of more than a third of a century in Pacific School of Religion; first as Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, then from 1911 to 1920 as President and Professor of Church Polity. Retiring from the Presidency on account of failing health, he became President Emeritus and continued nominally as Professor of Church Polity, teaching an occasional semester, but always useful in the councils of the faculty.

Dr. Nash's greatness was of a genuine Christian sort—he was great in gentleness, kindness, modesty; great also in distinguished service humbly performed.

Crowning his long, useful life, was his 35 years of service in Pacific School of Religion, which was his chief contribution to the Kingdom of God.

SALIDA

The first six months of Rev. Jessie Getty Heath's pastorate with the Salida Community Church was completed on the evening of November 28, by an excellent program of music and readings suitable to the Thanksgiving season. Seventy-five people enjoyed this service and an offering was received for church benevolences. This was the fifth special Sunday evening program given during the six months.

The Sunday School enrollment now nears 70, and an Intermediate Christian Endeavor was recently organized with 25 members. The Women's Bethany Circle is purchasing a used but good piano, and many little needed improvements have been made upon the church property.

Because this is a dairy ranch district, the Sunday morning congregations are small, but the evening service is always well attended.

DR. GOODSELL HONORED

At the close of the Earl lectures by Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, the Pacific School of Religion honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the National Council will be at Omaha, Neb., May 25 to June 1. We want a large delegation from Northern California.